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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16, 20, 25, 26, 29-31 and 34-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16, 20, 25, 29-31, 35-40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Prosecution on the merits of this application is reopened on claims 26, 34 considered unpatentable for the reasons indicated below:

Claims 1-16, 20, 25, 29-31, 35-40 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 26, 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Van Dyk, Jr. US 4,371,175).

Referring to Figures 1-3, Van Dyk, Jr. disclose a housing ("shielding enclosure"; Col. 3, lines 58 - 62; not labeled), a device" (e.g., "door" 12) [Col. 4, lines 13 – 26], and an EMI gasket mechanism "inflatable gasket" 20 and "tube" 28) installed and operated to seal a space (22) between the device and a mating surface on the housing (Col. 4, lines 29-41). After the device is installed in an aperture of the housing, the EMI gasket mechanism is inflated to bear against opposing surfaces of the device (Col. 4, lines 46-55) and housing in a manner that does not utilize or rely upon insertion forces applied to the device (which would oppose insertion of the device in the housing: here the forces are applied in a direction perpendicular to the insertion direction). Thus, in the process of installing the device in the housing, and inflating the gasket, Van Dyk, Jr. undertakes the

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recited method steps. In connection with Figure 2, the gasket is described as supported on door frame (14) of the housing. Thus, it must be said that the housing includes the gasket device. Similarly, as described in connection with Figure 4 (Col. 5, lines 12 - 18), the device (12) is installed with an "adjacent device" (12A), and the gasket mechanism (shown here as "40") is provided with its filler tube (48) integral to the device (12). Thus, it must be said that the device (12) includes the gasket mechanism.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung V. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A. Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 EXT 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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